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MODIFICATION OF U.S. REVERSIONARY INTEREST IN CERTAIN LANDS CONVEYED FOR USE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. MONTGOMERY, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2629]

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2629) to direct the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to modify the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands previously conveyed to the State of California for the use of the University of California, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, by unanimous voice vote, without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

INTRODUCTION

Current law specifically states that the 35-acre parcel of land located in West Los Angeles, which was conveyed to the State of California by the Veterans' Administration pursuant to Public Law 80–726 in 1948, was to be used for a "research and medical center and for allied purposes by the University of California." The bulk of the land has gone unused by the university except for two medical facilities; the laboratory of Nuclear Medicine and Radiation, and the Rehabilitation Center. The university's renowned Medical Center and its supporting facilities are concentrated in an area north of the subject parcel of land closer to the center of the campus. University officials consider that the property can be used to better advantage if the restrictions limiting its use to medical or research facilities are lifted. University officials have discussed two possible uses—a plasma physics laboratory which would study high temperature gases in an outer space environment, and a fine arts center consisting of a museum and learning center.

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Inasmuch as a significant portion of the land has gone unused and the fact that the land is no longer contiguous to the Veterans' Administration's West Los Angeles Medical Center or the Los Angeles National Cemetery, the committee has no objection to expanding use of this property to include educational and cultural purposes.

SUMMARY OF THE BILL

The reported bill (H.R. 2629) would direct the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to modify the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands previously conveyed to the State of California for use of the University of California. The property referred to in the bill was previously transferred by the Veterans' Administration to the State of California in accordance with Public Law 80–726, enacted by the Congress in 1948, for use by the University of California as a research and medical center and for allied purposes. The United States, however, retained a reversionary interest in the land should the University of California fail to use the land as stated.

At this time, the university wishes to expand the purposes for which it may use the land to include educational and cultural purposes. H.R. 2629 was introduced by Mr. Beilenson of California on April 20, 1983.

OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

Pursuant to clause 2(l)(3)(A) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee issues the following oversight findings:

No oversight hearings have been held relative to the reported bill.

In regard to clause 2(l)(3)(D) of rule XI, no oversight findings have been submitted to the committee by the Committee on Government Operations.

In regard to clause 2(l)(3)(C) of rule XI, no cost estimate or comparison has been submitted by the Congressional Budget Office relative to the provisions of the reported bill.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

With respect to clause 2(l)(4) of rule XI, the reported bill will have no inflationary impact.

COST

The committee estimates that there would no additional expense to the Treasury as a result of enactment of H.R. 2629.

AGENCY REPORT

On June 6, 1983, the committee requested the views of the Veterans' Administration on this legislation, and again requested their views on August 4, 1983. As of November 3, 1983, no reply to this request has been received.

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